Percent of reasons for reporting victimizations to the police, by type of crime

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| Type of crime | Number of reasons for reporting | Total | Stop or prevent this incident | Needed help due to injury | To recover property | To collect insurance | To prevent further crimes by offender against victim | |
| All personal crimes | 2,388,410 | 100 % | 17.9 % | 1.7 % | 5.1 % | 0.4 %* | 19.1 % | |
| Crimes of violence | 2,294,390 | 100 | 18.5 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 0.3 * | 19.8 | |
| Completed violence | 944,060 | 100 | 14.2 | 2.9 * | 8.6 | 0.5 * | 18.7 | |
| Attempted/threatened violence | 1,350,330 | 100 | 21.5 | 1.0 * | 1.0 * | 0.2 * | 20.5 | |
| Rape/Sexual assault/a | 113,230 | 100 | 4.6 * | 0.0 * | 2.0 * | 0.0 * | 21.0 * | |
| Robbery | 402,790 | 100 | 12.9 | 2.1 * | 20.5 | 0.6 * | 11.7 | |
| Completed/property taken | 332,010 | 100 | 12.0 | 0.7 * | 23.7 | 0.7 * | 10.8 | |
| With injury | 108,980 | 100 | 15.4 * | 2.3 * | 12.9 * | 0.0 * | 7.0 * | |
| Without injury | 223,040 | 100 | 10.4 * | 0.0 * | 29.0 | 1.0 * | 12.6 * | |
| Attempted to take property | 70,770 | 100 | 17.2 * | 8.4 * | 5.2 * | 0.0 * | 16.0 * | |
| With injury | 47,230 | 100 | 5.6 * | 12.5 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | 24.0 * | |
| Without injury | 23,540 * | 100 * | 40.4 * | 0.0 * | 15.6 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | |
| Assault | 1,778,370 | 100 | 20.6 | 1.8 | 0.6 * | 0.3 * | 21.5 | |
| Aggravated | 525,190 | 100 | 13.8 | 2.1 * | 0.7 * | 0.5 * | 20.8 | |
| Simple | 1,253,180 | 100 | 23.5 | 1.7 * | 0.5 * | 0.2 * | 21.8 | |
| Purse snatching/Pocket picking | 94,020 | 100 | 2.7 * | 0.0 * | 29.6 * | 2.3 * | 2.7 * | |
| All property crimes | 9,064,910 | 100 % | 7.6 % | 0.1 %* | 24.7 % | 5.3 % | 9.9 % | |
| Household burglary | 2,468,020 | 100 | 10.4 | 0.2 * | 19.9 | 4.0 | 12.2 | |
| Completed | 2,191,050 | 100 | 9.3 | 0.2 * | 22.4 | 4.4 | 11.2 | |
| Forcible entry | 1,233,030 | 100 | 9.3 | 0.4 * | 19.3 | 4.9 | 11.3 | |
| Unlawful entry without force | 958,020 | 100 | 9.3 | 0.0 * | 26.4 | 3.9 | 11.1 | |
| Attempted forcible entry | 276,970 | 100 | 19.7 | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | 0.9 * | 20.0 | |
| Motor vehicle theft | 1,050,840 | 100 | 4.8 | 0.0 * | 35.5 | 10.3 | 6.1 | |
| Completed | 904,690 | 100 | 4.6 | 0.0 * | 41.0 | 10.3 | 4.1 | |
| Attempted | 146,150 | 100 | 6.0 * | 0.0 * | 1.4 * | 10.2 * | 18.5 * | |
| Theft | 5,546,050 | 100 | 6.8 | 0.1 * | 24.7 | 4.9 | 9.5 | |
| Completed | 5,355,180 | 100 | 6.6 | 0.1 * | 25.6 | 4.7 | 9.6 | |
| Attempted | 190,870 | 100 | 11.0 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | 8.8 * | 8.0 * | |

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| Type of crime | To prevent crime by offender against anyone | To punish offender | To catch or find offender | To improve police surveillance | Duty to notify police | Because it was a crime | Some other reason | Not available | |
| All personal crimes | 10.5 % | 7.2 % | 6.9 % | 4.4 % | 5.8 % | 14.6 % | 4.6 % | 1.9 % | |
| Crimes of violence | 10.5 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 4.6 | 5.7 | 14.4 | 4.5 | 2.0 | |
| Completed violence | 11.3 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 12.9 | 3.7 | 0.8 * | |
| Attempted/threatened violence | 10.0 | 6.3 | 4.6 | 4.9 | 6.5 | 15.5 | 5.1 | 2.8 | |
| Rape/Sexual assault/a | 20.7 * | 9.6 * | 17.9 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | 18.9 * | 5.3 * | 0.0 * | |
| Robbery | 10.5 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 5.2 * | 2.8 * | 14.3 | 1.8 * | 0.6 * | |
| Completed/property taken | 10.1 | 8.3 * | 9.0 * | 5.3 * | 3.4 * | 13.0 | 2.2 * | 0.8 * | |
| With injury | 10.1 * | 10.6 * | 7.9 * | 0.0 * | 1.9 * | 24.8 * | 4.8 * | 2.4 * | |
| Without injury | 10.1 * | 7.1 * | 9.5 * | 7.9 * | 4.1 * | 7.2 * | 0.9 * | 0.0 * | |
| Attempted to take property | 12.2 * | 11.4 * | 4.6 * | 4.6 * | 0.0 * | 20.4 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | |
| With injury | 12.5 * | 11.1 * | 7.0 * | 7.0 * | 0.0 * | 20.4 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | |
| Without injury | 11.7 * | 12.0 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | 20.3 * | 0.0 * | 0.0 * | |
| Assault | 9.9 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 4.7 | 6.7 | 14.2 | 5.1 | 2.4 | |
| Aggravated | 15.0 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 4.4 * | 6.2 | 11.9 | 4.2 * | 1.6 * | |
| Simple | 7.8 | 5.9 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 6.9 | 15.1 | 5.5 | 2.8 | |
| Purse snatching/Pocket picking | 10.5 * | 4.6 * | 16.6 * | 0.0 * | 7.8 * | 17.8 * | 5.4 * | 0.0 * | |
| All property crimes | 6.8 % | 4.1 % | 7.3 % | 6.3 % | 6.0 % | 17.7 % | 3.0 % | 1.4 % | |
| Household burglary | 6.4 | 4.8 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 18.4 | 2.2 | 1.2 | |
| Completed | 6.9 | 5.2 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 5.7 | 17.5 | 2.3 | 1.2 * | |
| Forcible entry | 7.7 | 6.4 | 7.5 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 15.3 | 2.0 * | 1.4 * | |
| Unlawful entry without force | 5.9 | 3.8 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 20.2 | 2.7 * | 0.9 * | |
| Attempted forcible entry | 2.3 * | 1.6 * | 10.3 * | 12.9 | 3.5 * | 25.7 | 1.6 * | 1.5 * | |
| Motor vehicle theft | 5.6 | 4.9 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 5.5 | 11.7 | 1.3 * | 0.3 * | |
| Completed | 4.7 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 11.5 | 1.6 * | 0.0 * | |
| Attempted | 10.9 * | 4.3 * | 4.5 * | 21.9 | 7.2 * | 13.3 * | 0.0 * | 1.8 * | |
| Theft | 7.2 | 3.7 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 6.3 | 18.6 | 3.6 | 1.7 | |
| Completed | 7.1 | 3.7 | 7.1 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 18.5 | 3.5 | 1.6 | |
| Attempted | 11.0 * | 2.5 * | 8.6 * | 10.8 * | 7.5 * | 21.3 | 5.8 * | 4.8 * | |

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for reporting victimizations to the police. *Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.